

JMG News

HELPING BUILD STRONGER ROOTS

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JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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Welcome to the Online Version!

If you are currently reading this, you have found our specialist newsletter on the Jobs for Montana's Graduates website. We are looking to develop this website into a place where you can easily find all of the information you need for JMG: newsletters, forms, curriculum, web links to resources, best practices, alumni student success stories, etc. In other words, a JMG one-stop shop. We will continue to add these to the site over the next few months, so stay tuned.

JMG Seeks Appropriation

Last year Jobs for Montana's Graduates partnered with the Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation to ask for an appropriation of funds to expand into additional schools. Though the request was denied, the request moved further than anyone expected; it was also suggested that JMG try again this year. Therefore, the JMG state office, along with the JMG Foundation, will again enter an appropriation request to our Montana senators and representative in the United States Congress.

This is not the only avenue the JMG state office is exploring for funding. Though the JMG state budget was approved through fiscal year 2011, there have been cuts made since that vote. The out-of state travel portion of the budget was cut by 35%, which primarily affects the student trip to the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington DC. There is also a good chance that an additional 10% will be cut from the overall budget. With this in mind, the JMG state office is also planning to partner with Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and its other state affiliates to apply for additional grant money to continue to expand to schools that need a JMG program.

You can help! Part of the appropriation process includes preparing a packet which includes letters of support for the Jobs for Montana's Graduates program. If you feel that JMG has been a positive influence in your school, please write a letter of support and send it to the state office. Letters of support from career specialists, administration, students, parents, and employers are all welcome, as they show what a wide-ranging affect JMG has in our communities. We appreciate your commitment to Jobs for Montana's Graduates and to "helping build stronger roots" for our students!

JMG CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

MAY 4-5, 2010

BILLINGS CONVENTION CENTER – BILLINGS, MT

Registration materials coming in March: Registration information is being sent out in early March, so look for it in the mail.

Competitive events updated: Manuals have been updated and changes have been noted; please read through the changes and prepare your students for these events!

Talent Show: The talent competition will be the evening event on May 4. Each school may enter one act and we encourage you to do so! This event will replace the dance that has typically been held that evening.

Send us your:

***Registration forms**

***Competitive event entries**

DUE APRIL 2nd

MONITORING VISITS:

COMING TO YOU IN MARCH

The JMG program staff is looking forward to visiting you and your school toward the end of March. You will soon be receiving the monitoring report, which should be filled out before the visit. This will help the visit go smoother and save time to chat about how you feel your class is coming along.

Program staff would also like to check in with your principals to sure all is going well with JMG, so please encourage your administration to reserve a few minutes with them. See you on the road!

REMINDERS:

- March 23: JMG Scholarship submission deadline
- March 26: Submit photos/articles for May newsletter
- April 2: CDC registration due
- May 4-5: CDC in Billings, MT
- May 21: eNDMS database entry
 - 2009 Senior follow-up
 - Model Services
 - School/Job placement
 - 2010 Graduation dates
 - 2010 End of year status
 - 8th Grade transition

PHOTO REVIEW: REVIEWING CURRICULUM

WINTER TRAINING 2010

Thank you to the career specialists who attended winter training in Helena February 3-4. The majority of time was dedicated to reviewing new JMG curriculum and offering suggestions for improvement. Take a look at specialists at work!



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